

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

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Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated is an active and supporting member of Four Wheel Drive South Australia



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

Previously known as "The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc." this active 4WD club was founded in 2002. Members voted at the March 2008 meeting to change the club's name and meet at Gawler to give the club a more recognizable name and a more central meeting place.

It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

If you are a visitor to tonight's meeting, we welcome you and your family to our club. Please ask as many questions as you want. You can join us on up to 3 club outings before becoming a member. Trip Leaders run each outing and will be glad to help you with tips on four wheel driving and how to get the best from your vehicle. If you would like to join us on any trips and enjoy what 4WD can really bring, please fill out your details on our Trip Sheets.

The Club meets every second Friday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre Hall in Fourteenth Street, Gawler.

The meeting dates are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

Annual membership fees are \$60 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2015

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		4	4	1		3	1	5	2		4	2
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Club committee meetings commence at 7:30pm on the scheduled Wednesday, on a rotating basis, held at various committee members' homes. All club members welcome.

Last General Meeting

May 2015

See the attached Minutes (members only)

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

New design stickers complete with Web address - \$3.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

Welcome to the June newsletter.

It was pleasing to see such a large turn-out for our night at the Planetarium. It was a night enjoyed by all, especially the coffees and cakes afterwards. Thank you John and Jane for organising it.

A couple of members have attended Photography lessons by one of our previous guest speakers Viviana, so I am hoping for some great photos in this year's Photo Competition.

Just a reminder our club is now on Facebook, so "like" our page and check it out. Facebook is a great way to stay in touch and keep up with the latest news about our club.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Well, it's a bit scary how quickly the year is disappearing but it's that time of year to be thinking about and locking in our annual Christmas Function. This is currently being worked on by your Social Committee but please save the date which is 28/29 November 2015. More details will follow when they are to hand.

The Fathers' Day raffle will be drawn at the September meeting so the social club is looking for suitable prizes. If you are able to assist with donations, please see Sarah or Lyn. Thank you.

I am going to be out of commission for the July/August newsletters as Pete and I will be somewhere in the "great outdoors" enjoying some retirement plans, however, please forward any trip reports/information to Deb Earl who will take over for the next couple of months and liaise with Chris, as I have been doing since he and Julie left on their trip. It makes it much easier if you can get details to Deb earlier rather than later so that she can collate the Newsletter and get it to Chris in plenty of time for him to "create his magic" and send the Newsletter out to all members in time for the general meeting. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Have a great couple of months everyone and I thank Deb for standing in for me in my absence.

[Sandra]

PLEASE NOTE: Both the EDITOR and PUBLISHER have indicated that they are looking to step down from these roles in the next 12 months. If you are maybe interested to take on these roles or, part of, then please let us know and we can look at making the transition easy and you can practise!

Wanted Skills/Sub roles including:

- **NEWSLETTER JOURNALISTS** (collect and prepare articles for newsletter)
- **EDITOR** (collate newsletter, update internal reports, prepare for publishing)
- **NEWSLETTER FORMATTER** (We use WORD templates but being a WORD guru helps ☺)
- **WEB SITE MAINTAINER** (Update events, newsletters, articles etc. Web site contact)
- **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR** (Maintain distribution membership list, Print Newsletters (PDF) and minutes etc and distribute each month)

If you are keen on any of these activities please enquire to either the EDITOR or the PUBLISHER. We will happily work with you to help you understand these simple but very important roles.



COMING EVENTS

Big Bend by Night Nocturnal Tours	Saturday/Sunday 20/21 June 2015 Punyelroo Van Park
Trip Limit:	No limit, however, there is no wheelchair access to trails, as entry is by steps with handrails.
Where:	Punyelroo Van Park, phone: 8570 2021 www.bigbendbynight.com.au
Cost:	Nocturnal wild life tours on custom made trailer, approx. 1 hour on Saturday night at the cost of \$10.00 per person . A group booking will be confirmed closer to the date. Powered sites: \$28.00 per night, extra people \$8.00 per night Disabled facilities variable. A group area with shared power for approx 6 sites has been booked. Limited other sites are available. Please ring and make your own booking about 10 weeks in advance. Van park owners have said that the date to check out at that time of the year is fine.
Meet:	Swan Reach camping area at 11.30 am Saturday morning (this side of the river next to the ferry.) Leaving the camp area for the short drive to the van park, set up and lunch at 12.00 noon.
Trip Leader:	Dave Riddle 0419 992 881

Iconic Wineries of the Barossa	Sunday 16th July @10am Barossa Valley
Trip Limit:	TBA
Where:	Barossa Valley
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Deb Earl 85232507

Sometimes the simplest things get overlooked in the name of progress.....

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300°C.

The Russians used a pencil.

Terowie**4WD Park****Saturday/Sunday, 1/2 August 2015**

Trip Limit:	No limit.
Where:	Terowie 4WD Park, see www.terowie4wdpark.com Mallee driving creek and climbs
Cost:	\$20.00 per vehicle per day, passengers \$5.00 per day, this price includes camping. Friday night cost is \$10.00 and no driving of tracks is allowed. Long drop toilets, shower sheds where you bring your own solar shower are currently being built. <u>Please note that you will need to be totally self sufficient for this weekend.</u> <i>Please take a supply of wood to share for campfires. Thank you.</i>
Meet:	<i>Meeting at the parking area on the left just past Tarlee at 8.00 am Saturday morning, leaving at 8.15 am.</i> <i>If you wish to go up on Friday night, access to the property is available after 5.00 pm. You have to camp in the main camping area which will mean moving on Saturday morning if we are camped elsewhere.</i>
Trip Leader:	Dave Riddle 0419 992 881

**Peake Social
Weekend****Saturday/Sunday, 8/9 August 2015**

Trip Limit:	No limit
Where	Peake
Bring:	Camper trailers/Caravans/Tents – be totally self sufficient. Please bring a supply of wood to share for campfires & cooking
Cost:	Adult \$30.00 per vehicle per day
Meet:	<i>Shell Service Station, Taillem Bend at 8.00 am</i>
Trip Leader:	****To be advised****

GAWLER Districts 4WD Web SiteHave you checked out our web site lately? www.gawler4wd.com.au

Details of when meetings are to be held, what trips and events are coming up along with useful links to lots of 4WD resources are included. Read about the latest trip report or view our photo library. Of course, you can download one of our newsletters (back to Aug 2009) including our special 10th year anniversary versions.

Check our FACEBOOK link as well. www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub

WILANGI OCTOBERFEST	Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 October 2015
Trip Limit:	No Club limit, however, total vehicle numbers are limited to 120 We have to register by 3 July our intention to attend.
Where	Wilangi Bush Escapes Camp Grounds with bush toilets and bush showers provided. Activities run from Saturday morning until Monday lunchtime
Bring:	Camper trailers/Caravans/Tents – be totally self sufficient.
Cost:	<i>\$120 per vehicle for the weekend (if registered and paid prior to 31 July 2015)</i> <i>\$145 per vehicle for weekend (if registered and paid from 1 August to 23 September 2015)</i> <i>Sunday morning Big Breakfast brought to you by 4WDSA & MLR with ALL profits donated to The Royal Flying Doctor Service. If you pre-order and pay with your entry, the cost is only \$5 pp, pay on the day and it's \$10 pp.</i>
Meet:	<i>**To be advised**</i>
Trip Leader:	Jane & John Jansen 0409 091 851

Fleurieu Peninsula	10th or 11th October 2015 – To Be Confirmed Fleurieu Peninsula
Trip Details:	Day Trip from Yankalilla to Cape Jervis on the back tracks-4WD needed 9am to 3.30 pm. Lunch is provided
Where:	Fleurieu Peninsula
Cost:	\$50 dollars per vehicle 2 people plus \$10 extra adults /\$5 extra children
Meet:	TBA (need to be at Yankalilla at 9am)
Trip Leader:	Deb/Quenton Earl 0407 604 601 or 85 232 507

Woollies BBQ November 2015	Sunday 15 November 2015
Details:	We are looking for someone who will run the BBQ for the day ably assisted by a band of willing workers. Please let Quenton or John know if you are able to help on this day.
Where:	Woollies car park
When:	Sunday 15 th November from 8:30am till around 3:30pm More details to follow in due course.

PROPOSED TRIPS & OUTINGS

- **Sept/Oct 2015** *Monarto Zoo - More details April Meeting*
- **TBA** *Puppy Springs/Dorado Downs contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties) – Leader required*
- **2015** *Ladies Day weekend for guys and gals with ladies driving easy tracks on one of the days. This will help build 4WD confidence for those ladies who feel they need it.*
- **2016** *Proposed trip to follow in the footsteps of Charles Sturt.*

INFORMATION ON OTHER EVENTS



GAWLER MARKETS - Hayles Rd, Evanston South **** Every WEDNESDAY ****

- Good 4WD second hand items are often available
- Farmers Market
- Fruit and Vegetables

SUNDAY MARKETS ****every SUNDAY**** - Gawler Railway Station carpark.

4WD & Adventure Show, October

Advertising for the next 4WD & Adventure Show (23-25 October 2015) has been received. FWDSA will not be running a stand, but individual clubs are welcome to run their own stand and use some of the FWDSA promotional equipment.

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

Portable Butane Gas Stove Safety

Some portable butane gas stoves with integrated gas canisters (also known as lunchbox cookers) can pose significant safety risks. The stoves are commonly used for camping and outdoor activities and are often sold with a plastic case for portability. If the butane gas canister overheats or the shut-off valve fails, the stove can explode and cause injuries. There have been a number of incidents reported across Australia, ranging from scalding to serious burns.

Significant testing of a range of portable butane gas stoves with integrated canisters has shown many of them do not fully comply with Australian safety standards. Stoves that failed the testing, which includes both single- and dual-burner gas stoves, have had their safety compliance certificate suspended and have been removed from display and sale.



Reprinted from the SA government website – for more information and the complete article please go to:

<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/water-energy-and-environment/electrical-gas-and-plumbing-safety-and-technical-regulation/electricity-and-gas-safety-for-consumers/gas-safety/portable-gas-cooker-safety>

SOCIAL CORNER

Suggestions for club social outings include:

- *Film Night*
- *Port Adelaide GraveYard & Maritime Museum*
- *Putt Putt Golf, Tanunda*
- *Walking tour West Terrace cemetery*

Please pass on any social suggestions or comments to our Social Committee!

******If you feel at any time that you would like to supply supper for the General meeting, please let Lyn Leske or Sarah Rowe know either during a General meeting or by the Wednesday prior to a General meeting. The Social Club will be quite happy to reimburse you for any reasonable costs incurred. Thank you.******



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION 2015

Yes, it might seem a bit early, but the Social Committee is working on this and more details will be available in the coming months, however, please save this date!

Saturday/Sunday 28/29 November 2015

(If you have any suggestions as to where you would like this Christmas function to be held, please let Lyn Leske or Sarah Rowe know. You may know of a great little spot that would be just perfect!!)

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club wishes to extend a Happy Birthday greeting to the following members and family:

◆◆◆ June ◆◆◆
Paula Brennand
John Jansen
Joann Wuttke

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FRIDAY FUNNIES

Thanks to Westprint Friday Five

The Cocky

The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock
The cocky took off in his Ute, to go and check his stock.
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,
The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank
And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.
"Typical bl**dy sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,
"They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bl**dy fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt
She'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free
And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down
If he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim
He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks
And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.
He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam
He caught up with her somewhere near the middle of the dam.

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip
He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.
At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.

She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side
He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bl**dy hide.
Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed
He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away,
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea
But neither was he ready for what he was soon to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view
For running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch
The farmer yelling wildly, "Come back here, you lousy b*tch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car
The Cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks
Spot the hazard, assess the risk, and always wear your jocks!

RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx value of \$15. Please check below to see if your name is on the roster. Without these regular contributions the raffle would be unable to go ahead each month. Please don't leave it to that elusive "someone else!!"

These can be given to the Social Committee (Lyn Leske or Sarah Rowe) any time.

Fathers' Day is coming up so we would appreciate suitable Fathers' Day contributions with the raffle to be drawn at the September meeting. If you haven't contributed anything and your name is on the list below, perhaps now is an opportune time to do so. Thank you.

<i>JUNE 2015</i>	<i>JULY 2015</i>	<i>AUGUST 2015</i>
Nick & Sarah Rowe	Brenton & Keryn Wilkins	Roger & Sue Brennand
Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz	Joann & Peter Wuttke	Quenton & Deb Earl
Chris & Julie Sieben	Nick & Kerrie Bottroff	John & Astrid Gardner

The lucky winners of the Mothers' Day raffle were:

- 1st: Yellow K28 - Lyn Lillecrapp
- 2nd: Blue C82 - Quenton Earl
- 3rd: Red D98 - No name recorded on the ticket

Congratulations to you all.

GUEST SPEAKERS



These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:

June:	Deb Earl – Warning signs of Heart Attack
July:	Donate Life SA
August:	Bike SA "Be Safe, Be Seen"
September:	
** 2015 **	If you have any more suggestions for speakers, please advise one of the Committee members.

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver – I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

FACT/FICTION/GOOD STORY?

On July 20, 1969, as Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon.

His first words after stepping on the moon, "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to Earth and heard by millions! Just before he re-entered the Lander, he made the enigmatic remark "Good luck, Mr Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet cosmonaut. However upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.

Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the - 'Good luck, Mr Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question about Mr Gorsky to Armstrong. This time he finally responded because Mr Gorsky had died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question.

Here is the answer to "who was Mr Gorsky":

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small mid-western town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbour's yard by their bedroom window.

His neighbours were Mr and Mrs Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at Mr Gorsky, "Sex! you want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

It broke the place up.

Neil Armstrong's family confirmed this is a true story.

Travel Plans

I thought I would tell you about my Travel Plans for this year. As you know I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too good on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense.

It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age I need all the stimuli I can get. I have not been in Continent, but I don't remember what country it is in; it's an age thing. They tell me it is very damp there most of the time.

(“Travel plans” thanks to Mike in Westprint Friday Five)

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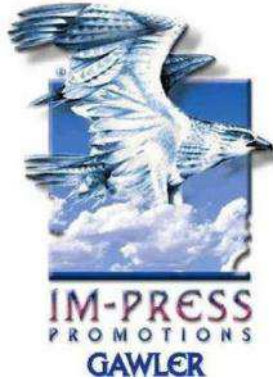
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Anyone interested in any products from the **Wurth** product range should check out their website: www.wurth.com.au

Contact **Neil Burton Ph 0400 075 227** to order any of their products.



**Got any 4WD related photos you would like to share?
THIS INCLUDES TRIP PHOTOS!**

Please bring them along to one of our meetings either on CD or memory stick and the publisher will prepare them for display upon our website for all to share!

(Don't worry about compressing the photos. Most picture formats supported including JPG, BMP, GIF, TIFF etc.)



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[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

They're back again!!!



PHOTO COMPETITION

The committee has decided that the photo competition will continue to be run by

John Jansen and the following rules will apply:

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

- No specific categories apply
- Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- Photos should have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months
- All photos must be labelled on the back with your name and where the photo was taken
- Entries to be handed to John by close of November General meeting
- Late entries will not be accepted

**So get clicking and
get those photos in -
DOUBLE CHANCE OF a PRIZE!!**



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

The committee has decided to continue on with the Trip Report competition this year to reward those who submit a Trip Report throughout the year!

It doesn't matter whether the report is long or short, serious or funny, whether you have written one or more, your name will go in the "hat" for each report that is written.

Winner will be drawn out of the collection of names at the end of the year either at the Christmas Show BBQ or at the AGM.

**So the more reports you write
the better your chances of winning!**

**There will be another
Amazing Prize
so please keep-on writing!!!**

FOR SALE

FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



Members can submit requests for a "FOR SALE" ad, free of charge, but there are some guidelines:

- Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- No pictures, text only (you can run a pictures ad for \$10 a month)
- Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

Please send full details to our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

Time to clear out the shed and get rid of those unwanted items ...

**FOR SALE ITEM WANTED
PLEASE FORWARD DETAILS TO EDITOR OR PUBLISHER**

DTU TRAINING

As part of the formality of the training provided by the club and managed through 4WDSA, the federal government requires students to have a student identifier. The simple process to follow is at www.usi.gov.au. Once obtained, please advise your club's training coordinator with the id so their training records can be updated

Peter Harper

For those that are interested, here is a summary of the 2015 4WDSA Training Calendar. If you would like to attend any of the training sessions:

Contact Peter Harper (allambee6@bigpond.com)

AUG Sat 22nd	DTU run club training - Mud and water crossing	Callington	22nd - 23 rd - Mud and water crossing at Callington. Cost is \$35. Property access is \$30 per day
SEP Sun 13th 09:00AM	OH&S, Risk and Emergency response	Cavan HQ	DTU run training for club members. One day theory course run at Cavan. Cost is \$20. Internal course with no
OCT Sun 18th	Trip planning and leading	Cavan HQ	DTU run training for club members. One day theory course run at Cavan. Cost is 20.00 dollars. Internal course with no assessment. Will get certificate of attendance. One day on Sunday 18th.
OCT Sat 31st	DTU run club training at Peake	Peake	31st Oct - 1st Nov - Sand and general basic training at Peake. Cost is 40.00 dollars. Property access is 30 dollars per day

The latest Basic Theory (Cavan) and Basic Practical (Morgan) courses were well attended and the DTU received good feedback from the students. The next DTU training sessions will be Mud and Water at Callington in late August. See DTU calendar above.

There will be another Basic Theory course run in October and this will be followed by Basic Practical at Peake; always an excellent venue for developing sand driving skills. Of course, there will be plenty of opportunity for socialising around the campfire on Saturday evening.

If you are running Ozi Explorer and want to learn more about the product, there will be another GPS and Ozi Explorer course run in November. This is a one day course and, depending on demand, is usually offered for EITHER the Saturday or the Sunday.

The DTU is looking at running another Remote Area First Aid. Although not cheap (less than \$200) the course is excellent and provides students with the next level of knowledge beyond Senior First Aid. The course assumes that the nearest ambulance / hospital is not "just around the corner" provides the necessary information to allow the patient to be provided with prolonged first aid.

If anyone has access to the latest copy of 4WD action, there is an interesting article on insurance.

Peter Harper
Training Officer

TRIP REPORT #1**Trip Reports Mystery History Day trip - Sunday 3rd May, 2015**

We all met at the Gawler Visitors Information Centre at 9.00am. Along for the day was Quenton and Deb (Trip Leaders) Wayne and Sandra, Joan, Keryn and Brent and Will, Roy and Bronwyn, John and Jane (Tail-end Charlie).

Our first stop was for morning tea at 9.30am at the Lions Park at Kapunda. This was a chance for everyone to have a chat over shared morning tea and enjoy a tea or coffee. Will loved the "Leo No. 5" "R" Series steam train that he could drive and was also inspected by a few "young at hearts".

At 10.00am we arrived at the Kapunda Museum where we met Meredith who kindly opened the Museum early for us to inspect. Only two from our group had been here before; it's one of those things that as a local you just don't go and see. Here we viewed the history of the area all contained in this magnificent building (originally the Baptist Church built in 1866) set on two levels. A vast array of interesting old items including an old motorised Hearse, Ambulance and Fire Truck.

Next stop was for lunch in the beautiful grounds of the Angaston Oval. Picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone and we all commented on the weather - it was fine and sunny. Keryn and Will had a go in the skate park with Will bringing along his scooter.

After a 5 minute drive we arrived at our next stop Collingrove Homestead. Conceived as a little piece of England and commenced in 1856, Collingrove was the Angas family home and headquarters for their considerable pastoral interests. This family made significant contributions to the growth and development of South Australia from its earliest days through political involvement, pastoral endeavour and philanthropic gesture.

Collingrove was bequeathed to the National Trust in 1976 by Ronald Angas. The home is also furnished with original Angas family furniture due to a Dunstan era Minister buying them back from a Melbourne auction. We all found the home interesting including the grounds.

Now we are off for a longer drive through the Adelaide Hills to our last stop of the day - the ruins of Marble Hill. Marble Hill was built in 1880 as the summer residence of the Governor to escape the heat of summer before air conditioning. All fifteen governors who held office from 1880 to 1955 spent at least some time at Marble Hill. In addition, a number of distinguished guests were welcomed throughout the house's 75 year history as a viceregal residence, particularly [King George V](#) and [Queen Mary](#) (as [Duke](#) and [Duchess](#) of Cornwall and York) who stayed in 1901.

The house was destroyed by fire on the 2nd January, 1955 - known as "Black Sunday". We were welcomed from the car park by a very polite guide who told us where to go. We arrived in time for a tour of the ruins at 3.00pm by a young guide from the "friends of Marble Hill". He told us about the history and explained which rooms were used for what and a little about the restoration that has started on the tower, stables and barn. A great view of the Adelaide CBD can now be seen from Marble Hill thanks to the removal of some pine trees. In 2008 Marble Hill was bought by Adelaide Hills couple Edwin and Patricia Michell. They intend to complete a multi-million dollar restoration of Marble Hill and the outbuildings and grounds.

We enjoyed afternoon tea with scones in the courtyard of the newly completed barn. From here everyone made their way for home. A most enjoyable day out.

[Quenton]

TRIP REPORT #2**Victoria High Country Trip 2015**

It has been eight years since our club has had a high country trip and nine years since some of this group has been up there together with also Marie Carter (RIP). There was a meeting and meal a few weeks prior to this years trip. Most wanted to take their off road camper and a few participants had to drop out, Roy and Bronwyn were still unsure because of a sickness in the family. (Thanks to Sandra and Wayne for their hospitality)

Saturday 14th of March, Daryl and Joan, Norma and Bronte, and Wayne with Sandra, met up with Martin and me at the Gawler visitors centre to try on some new magnetic signs and take them for a ride. We headed east on Trial Hill Road and Pine Hut roads to morning tea before the ferry at Swan Reach. Continuing east on the Old Loxton Road to Meribah, we crossed the Murray Sunset National Park to Hattah along the Pheenys track, lunching at one of the camping areas along the way.

Reaching the Hattah national park headquarter we thought we may stay at the lakes, but the signage said campsites had to be booked and paid (\$35) in advance over the internet, so we went on looking further on for a campsite up to the Murray river along the river side track.

The next day a few more kms needed covering so it was all bitumen to Jamison for a couple of nights in the caravan park. A lovely area but invaded by European wasps, and the trees dripping excrement from aphids or acorns so extra care was needed to find a decent camp selection. Later on that night Roy caught up with us with news that Bronwyn will be joining us later by train and bus.

Monday was a full day on the high country tracks. Firstly we drove to the top of Mount Terrible, where there is a fire lookout tower being fitted out with solar panels. There was a bit of smoke in the area and after talking to the tower attendant we found out that the back roads to the next campsite, and following on tracks were closed due to a controlled burn. Continuing on along the Mount Terrible track, there were options to go over the ridges or take the alternative bulldozed tracks around. One of the ridges only taken by Roy and Wayne turned out to be rather tricky and ended with an unsavoury name. Following on we reached the Moonlight Spur track which goes down to the Woods Point Rd. After lunch the track built for the power lines called the Flour Bag Track, took us back toward Jamison, completing the Journey on Slappers track.

Tuesday a revised route took us along the bitumen to Mansfield, which then gave us a chance to stock up on extra goodies. Bronte's CB was playing up so he bought a new one and also got new auxiliary batteries. I went to the DSE office to find out which tracks were open and closed. A new camp site was chosen on the Howqua River near Bindaree Road, so after dropping the campers off, the 4WDS were taken up to Craigs Hut via the Monument track and the obligatory photos of the hut taken and the man from Snowy river poem read. I had memories of bringing our horses up there 11 or 12 years ago before the hut was burnt down in the fires and rebuilt.

When around the campfire that night there were dozens of Timbertop students filing into an adjacent camp in the dark. We thought we would not get to the loo in the morning, but they packed up camp and hiked out again before dawn, by the light of their head light torches. I think it was that afternoon Bronte's car was engulfed with smoke which turned out to be the cables to his solar panel shorting out and had to be hurriedly disconnected from the batteries. Small drama to keep people on their toes.

Wednesday was heading up some 4WD tracks towing the campers, the only way through to Dargo without going hundreds of kms around on the bitumen. On the way up to Bluff Hut one of Roy's tyres was a victim of the rocks up there. Stopped at Bluff Hut and Lovicks Hut and continued on up to King Billy. The track got a bit uneven, so with some wheels off the ground Daryl's Jackaroo had to have a little extra help to tow the van up the steepest section. By the time we made it to Howitt High Plains it was a bit late in the day to make it to Dargo, and there was a nice camping spot (with toilets) at the Howitt Rd carpark. Fire wood was collected and tents and campers erected in time for happy hour.

Thursday morning Norma said they needed to consult the medical profession, so after morning tea at Arbuckle Junction Norma and Bronte headed south and we headed east, to try and find our way through to the Dargo hotel and meet up with Norma and Bronte later. Maps and GPS had different names and I took the wrong road first up, but finally managed to find Castle Hill track, McDonalds Gap track and our way to Dargo road.

We met a woman at the hotel with horses, waiting for her daughter whose car had to be recovered from Wanangatta Valley as their backup driver abandoned it. The wheel was making a dreadful racket which, turned out to be only a stick jammed in the wheel. We met her again with the daughter later in the Omeo caravan park.

After a shower and meal at the pub and a good sleep behind the pub, we headed to the Grant historic area and dropped the gear off in the Talbotville camping area. Then we headed off on the 4WD tracks across to Billy Goat bluff track which was in good nick. Had a walk to the Pinnacles Fire lookout, on a clear day you can see to the sea, lunch and back down Billy Goat bluff track. This time we headed to Eaglevale to cross the Wanangatta river and back to Talbotville to set up camp before happy hour.

Saturday was the highlight of the trip the "Iconic" Blue Range track. This track has tough 4W driving and long ridge top runs, with the best views in the high country including Mount Hotham.

To get there we took the run up the South Basalt Knob track which has a steep rocky climb up to the helipad and is probably the toughest climb that is navigable by an unmodified 4WD (Not a tuff truck). Reaching the Blue Rag we soon arrived at the trig point look out. Because this is such a good track we saw plenty of other groups of vehicles. Some of them only go as far as the trig point as further on it has some steep and rocky sections (not for the faint hearted). We on the other hand travelled all the way to the Wangangarra river at the end. Lunch was had at the camping area before heading back this time passing the entry we came in on and travelled all the way to the Dargo High Plains road. On the way down one hill a young driver's car kissed the rear of Bronte's car passing a bit close. On the way down the High Plains Road we stopped and picked up a ute load of fire wood for the following 2 nights. Some went back to Dargo for fuel and supplies, others headed back to camp for well earned drink and nibbles. Camp oven pizza was on my menu so coals were needed. Others had BBQ over coals.

Sunday was our day of rest, and time Roy picked up Bronwyn from her bus and train trip. So after breakfast Roy headed off to return in the afternoon with our last trip member. I had a hankering to go along the Crooked River track (24 creek crossing from memory) and then up the Bulltown Spur track (saw this on maps for years and finally had time to travel it) No one else was interested in coming but one more off the bucket list.

Monday morning we headed off to Omeo for a couple of nights calling in at Dogs Grave on the way. Trying a short cut, the track got a bit steep for the campers so a bit of reversing and backtracking was required. After a meal at the pub and sleep we set off to see the

Washington Winch in the fog. The winch was imported to WA from the US then later to Victoria to drag logs out of the valley to the logging road. It was powered by a steam engine. We then went on to visit Moscow Hut, so named as it was finished on the day of the fall of Moscow. It is a well finished house rather than a hut.

Wednesday we did a lot of kms deciding not to do the Davies Plains track but travelling all the way down the Limestone Road to the Barry Way going through Suggin Buggin, Jindabyne and Thredbow to Tom Groggin camping ground. While everyone was setting up camp I checked out the Murray River crossing which was OK, so on Thursday we were able to cross over back into Victoria to head up Mt Pinnaba. About 3km from the summit I got a call on the CB there were some problems on a tricky section, so I returned. As there was low cloud it seemed pointless really to bust ourselves getting everyone up but Bronte wanted to go on. So he went up on his own. Bronte rejoined us about an hour later and we returned to camp for lunch and packing up to go on and find a campsite nearer to Corryong. A nice fire by the Murray river (about 15 feet wide).

In the morning Corryong was explored. After the visitors centre, the Man from Snowy River Museum was on the agenda, but first a trip to the bakery (museum wasn't open yet) and after the museum a trip to the cemetery to look at Jack Riley's grave. Jack was visited by Banjo Patterson at Tom Groggin, and common belief is that the Man from Snowy River poem was inspired by Jack an expert horseman. After Corryong we blacktopped it to Echucha but because of the start of school holidays, we had to ring around to find space in a caravan park.

The second to last day was a cruise to Lake Albacucha in Wyperfield National park. Well it's called a lake but alas no water even though there is a concrete boat ramp. Flat ground, trees and firewood so a good last night was had around the campfire after I think one of our two communal stews.

Now to the last day. We were going to have to lock the hubs in again and let the tyres down as well. Heading towards the Murrayville track, we made our way to the sandy Chinaman's Well track. Running through private property we got to a gate at the start of the Big Desert. Stopping at the gate I alerted the following cars that the track was getting soft and we will have to let tyres down and move the little gear stick. Must have been a bit late as reports came back from towing vehicles that they were bogged. After adjustments everyone got going again. Onward to the well. Apparently the Chinese walked across from the SA coast to the Victorian goldfields to avoid the Victorian landing tax. The sand started getting softer with low dunes. Easy stuff with a vehicle alone but not towing a trailer, so out came the snatch strap.

After multiple recoveries time flew by so we didn't make the Marayville track and had lunch well into the afternoon. Pumping up tyres and unlocking hubs we were ready for the run home. When we got to Taillem bend we stopped and said some goodbyes as Wayne, Sandra, Roy and Bronwyn were going to have some dinner while the rest of us headed for Gawler, before splitting up and saying farewell over the radio. An end to an excellent trip in beautiful countryside.

Thank you Daryl and Joan for the post trip BBQ get together and sharing of photos.

Thanks for the company of all participants.

[Martin]

TRIP REPORT #3**Border Track*****June long weekend 6-8 June 2015***

Left from the Gawler Visitors Centre at 8.35am with Wayne & Sandra, Bronte & Norma, Brent & Keryn, Darryll & Joan, Martin (only 1 Martin this time) and Max & Lyn. We were sad that Bob & Pauline couldn't make it.

We travelled through Williamstown, seeing a pelican on the "Warren", then to Mt Pleasant, Tungkillo, Palmer, Murray Bridge and stopped at Tailem Bend bakery for morning tea. Checked out the Tailem Bend Railway Museum before moving through some *funny* named towns of Buccleuch, Jabuk, Panitya, Carina, and having our lunch stop at Pinnaroo bakery where we just scraped in with our purchases before the shop put up their closed sign. Along our travels we saw farmed deer's & black calves but very little wild life.



Our destination was the Murrayville Caravan Park where we quickly dropped off our camper trailers and caravans so we could visit Wayne's cousin, Ken Menzel, who showed us his and his son's miniature train sets and workshops.

Several hours were spent watching the trains in action and Ken was proud to show us his workshop skills of making nothing into something. I was gob-smacked to view his tiny office filled with paperwork without a computer!!!

Wayne pointed out where he grew up as a child and the post office and shop which his parents managed for many years. Went back to the caravan park to set up and walked to the Murrayville Hotel for dinner. It was a long wait but a very enjoyable meal.



The campfire was appreciated to warm up before retiring for bed. Sandra had extra warmth by bringing her electric blanket at the camp fire, only to find it gets colder as the night moves on, ask her why!!!



A long day on Sunday leaving at 9.00 am to explore the Border Track and arriving back at 5.30pm. The track became quite busy with motor bike riders and several other explorers on the track.

It was excellent to see the annual hard effort the Ngarkat working bees in March put in just to make this track remain open for us all to enjoy. Thank you to all those workers who prepare the track in such great condition.



Several wildflowers and banksia bushes lined the Border Track. Our men are viewed having a discussion at the base of the trig point taken from the photo platform on the track.



Once again the mallee stumps we collected on our way home were welcomed at yet another camp fire. Darryl was grateful his prescription glasses were found after falling out his pocket while collecting and loading the mallee stumps.



Monday came around only too soon to pack up and leave by 10.00am but were delayed searching for Sandra and Keryn walking the streets for their perfect photo shoot.

Travelled some back roads via the North J Chain road to get to Pinnaroo where we looked through the museum.

Finished our trip by having lunch at Lameroo.

Thank you Wayne and Sandra for leading this trip and to Wayne for especially sharing and showing us your family history and where some of your cousins still live today.

[Lyn Leske]